

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph page 16, line 20 - page 18, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

Another embodiment of the invention will be described. In this embodiment, the problem meta database 627 is interactively narrowed down unlike the embodiments 1 and 2, or searched not by the stereotyped classification of techniques, but by the classification tree based on the knowledge of the conventional use of analytical instrument. FIG. 14 shows a method for achieving this interactive solution on the Web. The server side has an analytical instrument database in order that the user can interactively select an analytical instrument. The user searches this database by following the classification tree (716). FIGS. 15 and 16 show an example of the interactive analyzer selection flow corresponding to this classification tree. FIG. 15 briefly shows the flow, and FIG. 16 shows the details of part of this flow. Although the flow diagram of FIG. 16 shows the result that "solid" has been selected at a state selection 801 of FIG. 15, "whole" at a part selection 802, and "morphologic or pattern observation" at an analysis condition selection 803, other flow sections (804~811) can be selected similarly. That is, in this embodiment using the classification tree, while the user is choosing the information necessary for various analyses, he selects the most suitable analytical techniques and instruments from the engineering portal site on the Web in order that the end user having analytical problems can solve the problems. The contents of each instrument and description of techniques about these analytical techniques and analyzers are

previously stored in a content offer server 730. The selection of analyzers is interactively made via the Web image. FIG. 17 shows an example of this interactive Web image. This image indicates that the items from the analysis of solid to the morphologic observation of surface are going to be selected by the user. The left-hand side of the image, or 901 shows the history of items selected so far, the center of the image, or 902 indicates the buttons for selection of items, the lower side "go on" button 903, when clicked, can make the user view the next selection image, and the lower side "go back" button 904, when clicked, can make the user view the previous selection image. In addition, the instruments selected are actively displayed at the time of selection on the right-hand side of the image, or 905.